

LEWIS F. DE LESDERNIER.

[To accompany bill, No. 244.]

JANUARY 10, 1832.

Mr. DOUBLEDAY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis F. De Lesdernier, report:*

The petitioner sets forth in his affidavit, that, in the year 1777, in the State of Massachusetts, he entered as first Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain John Preble, in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Allen, in the line of the State of Massachusetts, which regiment, by a resolve of Congress, passed February 15, 1781, was placed on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps until June 3d, 1783, when he was discharged from the service in Philadelphia. He swears to a schedule, by which it appears that his whole property consists of only a few articles of trifling value. Among the papers of petitioner, is a commission, under the authority of "the major part of the council of Massachusetts bay, in New England," signed "John Avery," Deputy Secretary, directed to Lewis Frederick De Lesdernier, and appointing him "first Lieutenant of a company of eastern Indians, commanded by Captain John Preble, in a regiment whereof John Allen is Colonel." William Ablee swears to petitioner's service in said company and regiment, from 1777 to 1783. The affidavit of Gideon O'Brien is less specific, but corroborates the above statements. The affidavit of John Faxon, and several authenticated copies of records, explain the transfer of petitioner's property, most of which was applied towards the satisfaction of a judgment in favor of the United States, for a large amount, and some applied to the discharge of other debts. Your committee believe that the petitioner is justly entitled to receive a pension, and therefore report a bill.

